

## Ag Adjustment Standards/Methodology Subcommittee

May 11, 2012 - 9:30 AM – ISAC office – West Des Moines, IA

### Minutes

Cary Halfpop called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

Members: Cary Halfpop, Tim Johnson, Wayne Schwickerath, Paul Jones, Deb McWhirter, Tim Johnson

Guests: Kathy Croker, Julie Roisen, Mel Obbink, Bob Haegele, Marsha Carter, Mike Mohrhauser, Leon Wernimont, Bruce Hovden, Ryan Smith, Dave Kubik, Jeff Miller, and Matt Deppe.

After introductions and a brief review of the previous meeting, Julie Roisen discussed the maps illustrating the three proposed methods for land use adjustment and the resulting impact on the dollar per CSR rate for each jurisdiction in the state. It must be noted that the impact as shown by the maps is based on the assumption that no adjustments are currently in place. This is not a true picture for many jurisdictions. The productivity approach to land use adjustments seems to be problematic after a closer look. That leaves us with the cash rent and blended approaches still on the table. All three approaches look similar on the map as to the jurisdictions most impacted, which tend to be in south central and northeast Iowa.

Cary Halfpop shared a presentation which summarized some of the previous discussions of the subcommittee and some information from other states.

Dave Kubik talked about the Land Capability Classification, which is part of the modern soil survey. An LCC of 1 through 4 might be a good indication of land that should be tilled. This might be a way to help determine whether pasture ground should fall under the tillable versus non-tillable category. Paul Jones also added that conservation efforts on marginal land should not be penalized by higher taxation as tillable.

Julie Roisen told the subcommittee about some research she had done regarding livestock production and income and the possibility of including some of this data in the income to non-tillable acres. She concluded that there is not a great way to include such data in our decisions for land use adjustments. Assignments for next meeting: Tim Johnson will look at LCC data and share his findings.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 31 at the Farm Bureau office in West Des Moines.

Respectfully submitted,

Cary Halfpop